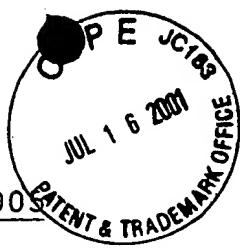


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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
William Kitchen et. al. :
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Serial No. 09/034,561 : Group Art Unit:2761
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Filed: March 3, 1998: : Examiner:
For: ELECTRONIC BILL PROCESSING : Unassigned

DECLARATION OF SHARON HAND UNDER 37 CFR 47(a)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

I, Sharon Hand, hereby state that:

1. I am Executive Assistant to Mr. Ravi Ganesan, Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer of CheckFree Corporation. (hereinafter "CHECKFREE").

2. According to CHECKFREE'S business records, Clarence M. Bringardner terminated his employment with CHECKFREE on February 6, 1998 and his last known address is 2995 Dresden Street, Columbus, Ohio 43224, and Kenneth W. Bradley terminated his employment with CHECKFREE on October 17, 1997 and his last known address is 8202

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Olde Richmond Lane, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

3. On June 23, 1998, I instructed CHECKFREE's mail room to deposit, with UPS, a copy of the above referenced application, the associated Declaration and Power-of-Attorney, and an associated Assignment addressed to Mr. Bringardner at 2995 Dresden Street, Columbus, Ohio 43224, under a cover letter of the same date, executed by Mr. Ganesan, requesting that Mr. Bradley execute the forwarded Declaration and Power-of-Attorney and Assignment, and return the executed documents to our attorney, Mr. Alfred A. Stadnicki at his former address (hereinafter referred to as the "Forwarded Materials to Bringardner"). A copy of the June 23, 1998 cover letter to Mr. Bringardner, along with the UPS receipt indicating that the Forwarded Materials to Bringardner were undeliverable, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

4. On August 26, 1998, I instructed the CHECKFREE's mail room to deposit, with the U.S. Postal Service as certified mail return receipt requested, another copy of the above referenced application, the associated Declaration and Power-of-Attorney, and the associated Assignment addressed to Mr. Bringardner at 2995 Dresden Street, Columbus, Ohio 43224, under a cover letter of the same date which noted that Mr. Stadnicki had not received the

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executed documents and again requesting that Mr. Bringardner execute the forwarded Declaration and Power-of-Attorney and Assignment, and return the executed documents to our attorney, Mr. Alfred A. Stadnicki at his current address (hereinafter referred to as the "Second Forwarded Materials to Bringardner"). A copy of the August 26, 1998 cover letter to Mr. Bringardner and the Receipt of Certified Mail for the Second Forwarded Materials to Bringardner is attached hereto as Exhibit B. No certification of delivery/non-delivery (U.S. Postal Service Form 3811) has, to date, been returned by the U.S. Postal Service. Therefore, on November 18, 1998, I requested that the U.S. Postal Service place a trace on the certification (i.e. Form 3811) for this mailing, as evidenced by the U.S. Postal Service date stamp of November 18, 1998 which appears on the back of the Receipt of Certified Mail. I was advised by the U.S. Postal Service that the trace could take 10 days to two weeks.

5. On June 23, 1998, I also instructed CHECKFREE's mail room to deposit, with UPS, a copy of the above referenced application, the associated Declaration and Power-of-Attorney, and an associated Assignment addressed to Mr. Bradley at 8202 Olde Richmond Lane, Westerville, Ohio 43081, under a cover letter of the same date,

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executed by Mr. Ganesan, requesting that Mr. Bradley execute the forwarded Declaration and Power-of-Attorney and Assignment, and return the executed documents to our attorney, Mr. Alfred A. Stadnicki at his former address (hereinafter referred to as the "Forwarded Materials to Bradley"). A copy of the June 23, 1998 cover letter to Mr. Bradley, along with the UPS receipt indicating delivery of the Forwarded Materials to Bradley, is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

6. On August 26, 1998, I further instructed CHECKFREE's mail room to deposit, with the U.S. Postal Service as certified mail return receipt requested, another copy of the above referenced application, the associated Declaration and Power-of-Attorney, and the associated Assignment addressed to Mr. Bradley at 8202 Olde Richmond Lane, Westerville, Ohio 43081, under a cover letter of the same date which noted that Mr. Stadnicki had not received the executed documents and again requesting that Mr. Bradley execute the forwarded Declaration and Power-of-Attorney and Assignment, and return the executed documents to our attorney, Mr. Alfred A. Stadnicki at his current address (hereinafter referred to as the "Second Forwarded Materials to Bradley"). A copy of the August 26, 1998 cover letter to Mr. Bradley and the certification of receipt

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(i.e. Form 3811) of the Second Forwarded Materials to Bradley is attached hereto as Exhibit D.

7. In the respective cover letters included in the Second Forwarded Materials to Messrs. Bradley and Bringardner, I requested that Mr. Bradley and Mr. Bringardner contact me if there were any questions regarding execution of the Declaration and Power-of-Attorney and Assignment documents.

8. As of this date, (i) only the Forwarded Materials (not the Second Forwarded Materials) to Mr Bringardner have been returned to me as undeliverable, (ii) neither Mr. Bradley nor Mr. Bringardner has contacted me in any way with respect to the Furnished Materials and Second Furnished Materials or for any other reason, and (iii) the executed Declaration and Power-of-Attorney documents included as part of the Furnished Materials to Bradley, the Furnished Materials to Bringardner, the Second Furnished Materials to Bradley and the Second Furnished Materials to Bringardner have not been returned to me.

9. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the

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like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under
Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such
willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the
application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully Submitted


Sharon Hand
Sharon Hand

CheckFree Corporation
4411 East Jones Bridge Road
Norcross, Georgia 30092
Date: November 20, 1998

June 23, 1998

Exhibit A

Mr. Clarence M. Bringardner
2995 Dresden Street
Columbus, OH 43224

RE: U.S. Patent Applications

Dear Mr. Bringardner.

I have enclosed copies of papers containing the specification, claims, abstract, and drawings as filed for the following:

ELECTRONIC BILL PROCESSING

Attached to the papers are a Declaration and Power of Attorney and (2) Assignment documents to be executed by you as indicated. The Declarations and Power of Attorneys must be signed and dated in front of a Notary. Return the fully executed documents to Jenkens & Gilchrist no later than July 3, 1998. Please do not mail them to me.

Jenkins & Gilchrist
Attn: Alfred A. Stadnicki, Esq.
1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 600
Washington, DC 20006-3404

Should your name or address be incorrect, please draw a line through the incorrect information and print the correct information above it.

Thank you.

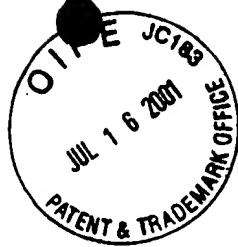
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Ravi Ganesan
Chief Technical Officer
Executive Vice President

Enclosures

Draft for Corporation
4411 East Juan Bautista St.
Torrance, CA 90502
Phone Number: 703-411-2207
Fax number: 703-411-2193
Email address: corporation@pacifier.com

Exhibit D



August 26, 1998

Via Certified Mail
#P 283 696 945

P 283 696 945

US Postal Service
Receipt for Certified Mail

No Insurance Coverage Provided.

Do not use for International Mail (See reverse)

Subj	KENNETH BRADLEY	
Street & Number	8202 Olde Richmond Ln	
Post Office, State, & ZIP Code	WESTERVILLE OH 43081	
Postage	\$.28
Certified Fee	\$	1.35
Special Delivery Fee	\$.10
Restricted Delivery Fee		
Return Receipt Showing to Whom & Date Delivered	1/10	
Return Receipt Showing to Whom, Date, & Addressee's Address		
TOTAL Postage & Fees	\$ 5.25	
Postmark or Date		

PS Form 3800, April 1995

Mr. Kenneth Bradley, III
8202 Olde Richmond Lane
Westerville, OH 43081

Dear Mr. Bradley:

On June 23, 1998, Mr. Ravi Ganeshan sent you patent documents that needed your signature. Our Patent Attorney has informed us he has not received your signed, notarized papers as yet. I have enclosed another Declaration and Power of Attorney and (2) Assignment documents for your signature. Please make sure they are notarized where necessary and return them to the following address by September 8, 1998:

Mr. Al Stadnick
Lalos & Keegan
1145 Nineteenth Street, N.W.
Fifth Floor
Washington, DC 20036-3703

Should your name or address be incorrect, please draw a line through the incorrect information and print the correct information above it.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 770-734-3587. Thank you for your cooperation.

Regards,

Sharon Hand
Sharon Hand
Executive Assistant

Enclosures

4411 East Jones Bridge Road
Norcross, Georgia 30071
770-441-3287
Internet: www.ravig.com
Fax: 770-441-3288

Is your RETURN ADDRESS completed on the reverse side?	SENDER:		I also wish to receive the following services (for an extra fee):	
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